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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, H.A.) PFOR, WF, CODEL (PERCY, CHARLES H.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO LUSAKA: MEETING WITH SWAPO

REPRESENTATIVES

REF: (A) LUSAKA 0904 (B) STATE 088412 (C) STATE 091376

1. DURING MEETING WITH SWAPO REPRESENTATIVES IN LUSAKA EVENING
APRIL 18 (AT WHICH EMBOFF PRESENT) CODEL PERCY SAID HE FELT
IT VERY IMPORTANT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WHEN VISITING
AFRICA HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SWAPO LEADERS AND HEAR
THEIR VIEWS. SWAPO ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY GAROEB REPLIED
THAT NO SUCH INVITATION HAD BEEN EXTENDED BY SECRETARY TO SWAPO.

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WERE ONE TO COME, GAROEB SAID, THERE WOULD NEED TO BE A MEETING

OF SWAPO'S NATIONAL COUNCIL TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO ACCEPT MEETING WITH SECRETARY. SENATOR ASKED WHETHER SWAPO WOULD AGREE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY WERE LATTER TO EXTEND INVITATION TO MEET. GAROEB SAID HE UNABLE MAKE SUCH A COMMITMENT ON BEHALF OF HIS ORGANIZATION. INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT WERE INVITATION TO MEET WITH SECRETARY RECEIVED, A DECISION BY SWAPO COULD PROBABLY BE FORTHCOMING WITHIN ABOUT 24 HOURS. GAROEB NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA CURRENTLY OUTSIDE ZAMBIA, HIS VIEWS COULD BE OBTAINED PROMPTLY.

2. GAROEB MENTIONED SWAPO HAS REACHED SORT OF MODUS VIVENDI WITH BRITISH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN IN THAT CALLAGHAN AND SWAPO AGREE ON SOME MATTERS BUT AGREE TO DISAGREE ON OTHERS. GAROEB SAID SWAPO WOULD WELCOME "SAME SORT OF RELATIONSHIP" WITH SECRETARY OF STATE.

3. COMMENT: QUESTION OF POSSIBLE SWAPO CONTACT WITH SECRETARY IN LUSAKA WAS RAISED WITH SWAPO REPS BY CODEL PERCY WITH UNDERSTANDING ON BOTH SIDES THAT NOTHING WOULD BE SAID PUBLICLY UNLESS BOTH SECRETARY AND SWAPO AGREE TO MEETING. WHILE GAROEB OBVIOUSLY UNABLE COMMIT SWAPO OR NUJOMA TO MEET WITH SECRETARY IN LUSAKA IN ABSENCE OF NATIONAL COUNCIL DETERMINATION, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THERE SEEMS REASONABLE CHANCE THAT SWAPO LEADERS WOULD AGREE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY WERE HE TO RECONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A MEETING. MEETING WITH SWAPO IN LUSAKA WOULD BE PLEASING TO ZAMBIANS WHO VERY MUCH WANT SECRETARY TO ADDRESS QUESTION OF NAMIBIA IN HIS PROPOSED LUSAKA SPEECH (SEPTEL) ALTHOUGH, AS IN CASE OF NAMIBIANS, THEY MAY FEEL IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR ZAMBIANS TO PRESS INDEPENDENT LIBERATION MOVEMENT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER TO AGREE TO MEET SECRETARY.
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